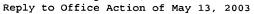
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the outstanding Office Action, please project the following remarks and arguments in the above-identified application:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.